

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 and 9-16 are pending of which claim 1 is independent. The specification has been revised to present a more complete Table 2. Support for the revisions can be found on page 37 of PCT Application PCT/NL00/00537, a copy of which is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience. Note that the PCT Application is incorporated in the present application on page 1 of the specification. No new matter has been introduced.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner maintains that the claims are obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over WO 97/12942 in view of U.S. Patent 4,672,079 to Li Bassi *et al.* by noting that no comparative data is presented in Table 2 as filed. *See* page 3 of the outstanding Office Action.

In this regard, Applicants kindly note that Table 2, as amended, does contain comparative data and respectfully reiterate that the combination of WO '942 and Li Bassi is absent any reasonable expectation of the benefits that may be achieved by the employing the present compositions, such as improving the balance between hardness and low curling properties. The Examples in the present application demonstrate these benefits. Compare, *e.g.*, the curling properties of Example 1 and Comparative Example 1 in Table 2 of the present application. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103 obviousness rejections is respectfully requested.

For any and all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is patentable.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is courteously solicited. If any questions remain, however, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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